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1 – (Video) Residents who live atop city's former dump to hold community meeting, WDUS, 9/24/2014

<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/residents-who-live-atop-citys-former-dump-to-hold-community-meeting/28214696>

Residents of the Upper Ninth Ward said it's finally time for the city to fulfill its obligation and do the right thing.

2 – EPA backs Texas disposal well plan, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 9/23/14

http://www.mrt.com/business/oil/article_040f3b60-436e-11e4-8bcd-cbf9a863b517.html

In their efforts to regulate the wells that hold Texas' oilfield waste, state officials have found a surprising ally: the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Staffers at the federal agency – a popular political punching bag in Texas – have praised a Texas Railroad Commission proposal aimed at curbing earthquakes possibly triggered by the high-pressure injection of oil and gas waste into wells that plummet thousands of feet below ground.

3 - EPA proposal for carbon dioxide rules dominates planning for Oklahoma's electric cooperatives, Oklahoman, 9/24/2014

<http://newsok.com/epa-proposal-for-carbon-dioxide-rules-dominates-planning-for-oklahomas-electric-cooperatives/article/5344945>

Western Farmers Electric Cooperative is urging its members to oppose upcoming federal carbon dioxide emissions rules, which the Oklahoma company's executives said are poorly formulated and impractical.

4 – Tar Creek National Environmental Conference, Four States, 9/23/2014

<http://www.fourstateshomepage.com/story/d/story/tar-creek-national-environmental-conference/38358/NKa2-BfIS02ViPIIGk-6dA>

10 tribes and several state and government agencies are meeting at the 16th National Environmental Conference at Tar Creek to ramp up efforts in cleaning up the creek. For the past 20 years, removing lead and other contaminants in the water has been a difficult task, causing many health and environmental issues. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency representatives also discussed the remedial design of the Tar Creek Watershed. Cleanup workers will begin the remedial design project in Kansas and then eventually move to Grand Lake.

5 – At least the water is safe to drink, OU Daily, 9/24/2014

http://www.oudaily.com/opinion/editorials/at-least-the-water-is-safe-to-drink/article_37190480-4348-11e4-ac7b-0017a43b2370.html

Our View: Norman's drinking water tastes worse than usual for temporary, natural reasons and we should be grateful to have safe water and support efforts to provide sustainable water solutions to impoverished parts of the world.

6 – Study finds state policies are effective in reducing power plant emissions, Eagle Ford Texas, 9/24/14

<http://eaglefordtexas.com/news/id/135586/study-finds-state-policies-effective-reducing-power-plant-emissions/>

A recent study conducted by the University of Colorado Boulder has found that the different methods used by states to reduce power plant carbon emissions, such as emission caps and encouraging the use of renewable energy, are indeed effective.

7 – U.S. Clean Air Act cited as big first step in emissions control, Star-Telegram, 9/23/14

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2014/09/23/6143687/us-clean-air-act-cited-as-big.html?rh=1>

World leaders met in New York on Tuesday to discuss how to tackle the risks posed by climate change, but there was little discussion of one increasingly obvious observation: The planet might be in better shape today if more countries had followed the lead of the Richard Nixon administration when it and Congress enacted the pioneering Clean Air Act in 1970.

8 – Obama urges world to follow US lead on climate, Star-Telegram, 9/24/14

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2014/09/24/6144384/obama-urges-world-to-follow-us.html>

The only thing rising faster than heat-trapping gases Tuesday were the statements of urgency by world leaders, who told each other at a United Nations summit how seriously they take global warming. Binding commitments and action are to come.

9 – Denton voters to consider state's first ban on fracking, Dallas Morning News, 9/23/2014

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/metro/20140923-denton-voters-to-consider-state-s-first-ban-on-fracking.ece>

Denton residents, concerned about air quality, noise and potential water contamination, may be the first in Texas to ban hydraulic fracturing — but if they do, state lawmakers will probably push back. Residents leading the effort call the proposed ban on the November ballot a last resort after years of negotiating for restrictions they say were ultimately trumped by state law.

10 – 4 things to know about the BP oil spill court hearings on Wednesday, Times Picayune, 9/23/2014

http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2014/09/4_things_to_know_about_the_bp.html#incart_river

A federal judge in New Orleans is set to hold hearings on a range of legal disputes related to the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, including whether or not BP has the right to recover what it says were overpayments under its settlement program.

11 – Houston takes lead with climate plan, Houston Chron, 9/22/2014

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/science-environment/article/Houston-takes-lead-with-climate-fighting-plan-5773113.php>

Mayor Annise Parker briefly took center stage Monday in the campaign against climate change by pledging to make America's energy capital a laboratory for experimentation and action. Frustrated with the congressional response to global warming, Parker and the mayors of Los Angeles and Philadelphia vowed to set more aggressive targets for reducing their cities' heat-trapping pollution while challenging others to do the same.

12- Regulators Weigh Plan for Northeast Texas Reservoir, Texas Tribune, 9/24/14

<http://www.texastribune.org/2014/09/24/regulators-consider-northeast-texas-reservoir/>

Texas regulators on Wednesday will consider a proposal for a Fannin County reservoir that could be one of the last to be built in the state in the coming decades. Dallas-area water planning officials are seeking the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's approval to build the 16,500-acre Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir on a tributary of the Red River near the state's border with Oklahoma.